

THE FOUR WINDS

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL QUARTERS



THE ONCE-OVER : Colonel Lindbergh inspects the B.A. Eagle prior to making his first flight since he came to England. A paragraph on this page tells of his visit to Hanworth.

PRINCE CHARLES, Count of Flanders, and brother of King Leopold, is a major in the Belgian military air service. On taking up his duties recently he flew in a Fairey Fox, a standard military reconnaissance-bomber.

Two Bristol Mercuries are specified for the new Koolhoven 200 m.p.h. bomber.

Mr. Gordon Armstrong has built Ceylon's first *Pou*. The structure is of Ceylonese wood.

United Air Lines employ more than a hundred stewardesses. One has flown over 400,000 miles.

The Zeppelin *Hindenberg* will leave for her first North Atlantic voyage (to Lakehurst) on May 6.

The catapult ship *Ostmark* for Luft-hansas' South Atlantic service has just been launched.

She is 290ft. long, is of 2,000 tons displacement, and carries a Heinkel catapult.

Mr. J. Melrose reached Singapore in his Heston Phoenix at 9.30 on Monday and expected to reach Batavia by the evening.

The world's altitude record for amphibians has been broken by the Sikorsky S.43 (two 750 h.p. Hornets), which reached 27,950 feet.

A squad of twenty doctors and nurses equipped with parachutes has been formed by the Moscow Red Cross to render aid in isolated areas.

An air rally is to be held at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, in August. It is expected that contingents from the Royal Air Force and South African Air Force will attend.

Indoor Archies

The Royal Tournament opens at Olympia on May 7. It will include an "air raid" during which Territorial anti-aircraft guns and searchlights will be brought into action.

Aviation at Levant Fair

Palestine is getting air-minded. At the forthcoming Levant Fair in Tel Aviv aviation will be given much greater attention. Manufacturers of gliders particularly are advised to study the Near Eastern market.

The Danish Gauntlets

Since last year, when the Danish air force acquired the licence to build the Gloster Gauntlet, the drawings and a sample machine have been received from England. The first production model is now ready and seventeen similar machines will be forthcoming at short intervals.

The Way of an Eagle

Colonel Lindbergh last week used for the first time the pilot's licence recently granted to him. During a private visit to the works of the British Aircraft Manufacturing Co. at Hanworth he was taken up in an Eagle by Mr. Ralph Munday, the company's sales manager. Subsequently he went solo.

To Try Again

Mrs. Amy Mollison left Gravesend for Colomb Bechar on Sunday in a Dragon. The machine is carrying Mrs. Mollison's sister, Mr. P. Q. Reiss, and a mechanic, in addition to a new undercarriage for her Gull, which was damaged during her recent Cape record attempt. Mrs. Mollison hopes to bring back the Gull to England and try again early in May.

Twenty-five Years Ago

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"Truly it can be said that aviation history is being made at a marvellous rate. . . . 1911 is likely to be remembered as the year in which Pierre Prier improved on the records by flying non-stop from London to Paris. . . . that it should be possible for an aviator to set off at practically a moment's notice on a journey of 250 miles is an extraordinary commentary on to-day's progress."



JAPANESE—WITH A TWANG: This Nakajima biplane carries the night mail between Tokyo and Osaka. Its cruising speed is about 120 m.p.h.